

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs that appear at page 5, line 21m, through page 7,m line 17, with the following new paragraphs:

--In one aspect, the present invention is an image reading apparatus that comprises a scanning member, movable along an original mounting table, that includes a reading element for reading an original image. A frame member, which has a rib, houses the scanning member. A control board is provided for controlling the scanning member, and an interface connector is connected to a signal line of an external apparatus, and is mounted on a side of the control board. Also, according to Claim 7, the control board is secured to the frame member at least at one side on which the interface connector is not mounted, and the control board is secured to the rib of the frame member.

In another aspect, the present invention is an image reading apparatus that comprises a scanning member, movable along an original mounting table, and which includes a reading element for reading an original image and has a frame. A drive source is provided for driving the scanning member, and a frame member houses the scanning member. Also provided is an interface connector connected to a signal line of an external apparatus and mounted on an inside side surface of the frame member, the inside side surface of the frame member being located at the end of a drive direction of the scanning member. In addition, according to Claim 12, the drive source is located at a side surface of the frame of the scanning member in such manner as to move together with the scanning member, and when the scanning member is positioned at the end of a driving movable range on the side at which the drive source is located, the drive source and the interface connector are positioned between the side surface of the frame

member and the scanning member, and the drive source is recited as not overlapping with the interface connector in a direction perpendicular to the original mounting table surface.--